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Re: Appeal No. DOJ-AP-2019-006581
Request No. 2019-02197
MWH:CCG

VIA: Email

Dear Benny Becker:

You appealed from the action of the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) on your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for access to the database of all FOIA requests related to 14 specific BOP facilities received since January 1, 2015. I note that your appeal concerns the adequacy of BOP's search.

After carefully considering your appeal, I am affirming BOP's action on your request. By letter dated April 30, 2019, BOP released to you 44 pages of responsive records in full, which consisted of a copy of its FOIA database. I have determined that BOP's response was correct and that it conducted an adequate, reasonable search for responsive records subject to the FOIA.

I note that on appeal you seek various additional records that you did not originally request. You may not on appeal expand the scope of your initial request, which was limited to a database of all FOIA requests related to 14 BOP facilities. Accordingly, to the extent that you now seek records concerning the actual text of each of these FOIA requests and the documents produced for each of these requests, you may wish to submit a new FOIA request to BOP.

If you have any questions regarding the action this Office has taken on your appeal, you may contact this Office's FOIA Public Liaison for your appeal. Specifically, you may speak with the undersigned agency official by calling (202) 514-3642.

If you are dissatisfied with my action on your appeal, the FOIA permits you to file a lawsuit in federal district court in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(B).

For your information, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) offers mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. Using OGIS services does not affect your right to pursue litigation. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information

Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001; email at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769. If you have any questions regarding the action this Office has taken on your appeal, you may contact this Office's FOIA Public Liaison for your appeal. Specifically, you may speak with the undersigned agency official by calling (202) 514-3642.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew W. Hurd".

Matthew W. Hurd
Acting Chief
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